

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An evaluation or diagnostic kit comprising a plurality of applicators containing different test substances and a housing in which the applicators are housed, each applicator comprising:

a tube;

a plug inside the tube; and

at least one test substance contained in an inside space of the tube defined at a first end by the plug, the plug being arranged, in use, to be expelled together with the test substance when said test substance leaves the inside space of the tube,

wherein said kit comprises at least three applicators, a first applicator including a first tube containing a first test substance comprising a compound at a first concentration, a second applicator including a second tube containing a second test substance comprising said compound at a second concentration, and a third applicator including a third tube containing a third test substance comprising said compound at a third concentration, wherein said first concentration is different from said second and third concentrations, and said second concentration is different from said third concentration.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the housing includes compartments in which the applicators are housed.

Claim 5 (Original): The kit according to Claim 4, wherein the housing includes at least one compartment configured to receive a single applicator.

Claim 6 (Original): The kit according to Claim 4, wherein the housing includes at least one compartment configured to receive a plurality of applicators.

Claim 7 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one bag for packaging at least one applicator.

Claim 8 (Original): The kit according to Claim 7, further comprising a string of bags each containing at least one applicator.

Claim 9 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein each applicator includes at least one mark corresponding to at least one of a type of test substance inside the tube and a concentration of a compound contained in the test substance.

Claim 10 (Original): The kit according to Claim 9, wherein the mark comprises at least one of an alphanumeric symbol and a color.

Claim 11 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the test substance in the tube has a volume in a range from 0.01 ml to 5 ml.

Claim 12 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein test substance in the tube has a volume in a range from 0.05 ml to 1 ml.

Claim 13 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a breakable portion.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a removable portion.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a perforatable portion.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a deformable portion.

Claim 17 (Original): The kit according to Claim 13, wherein the applicator includes a retaining element for retaining the breakable portion on the applicator after it has been broken off.

Claim 18 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is provided at one end with an applicator element, the applicator element being separated from the test substance prior to use, by the plug.

Claim 19 (Original): The kit according to Claim 18, wherein the applicator element is selected from the group consisting of a cotton bud, a foam bud, a felt tip, a flocked bud, and a tip made of ceramic or of sintered material.

Claim 20 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is free of an applicator element.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 20, wherein the tube includes an end configured so as to be able to scarify the skin.

Claim 22 (Original): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the plug comprises a liquid, and wherein said liquid is selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, fluorine-containing substances, and silicones.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the plug comprises a powder, and wherein said powder is selected from the group consisting of powders of microspheres of copolymers, of Nylon®, of waxes, of silicas, and of silicones.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the plug comprises one of a liquid and a powder.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 3, wherein said allergen comprises nickel.

Claims 26-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): An evaluation or diagnostic kit comprising a plurality of applicators containing test substances with at least one compound at different concentrations, each applicator comprising:

a tube;

a plug inside the tube; and

at least one test substance in an inside space of the tube defined at a first end by the plug, the plug being arranged, in use, to be expelled together with the test substance when said test substance leaves the inside space of the tube, [[and]]

wherein the kit further comprising includes at least two three applicators, each applicator including a test substance that includes substances with the at least one compound at concentrations varying by a factor of at least two from one applicator to another.

Claim 31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the at least one substance comprises a stimulating agent for stimulating a peripheral nervous system.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The kit according to Claim 32, wherein the stimulating agent for stimulating the peripheral nervous system is selected from the group consisting of natural or synthetic capsaicinoids, homocapsaicin, homodihydrocapsaicin,

nordihydrocapsaicin, dihydrocapsaicin; lactic acid, glycolic acid, ethanol at a concentration greater than 50% and mustard seed oil.

Claim 34 (Original): The kit according to Claim 33, wherein said stimulating agent comprises capsaicin.

Claim 35 (Original): The kit according to Claim 32, wherein a concentration of the stimulating agent for stimulating the peripheral nervous system lies in a range from 10-6% to 10-2% by weight.

Claim 36 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, further comprising a housing including compartments in which the applicators are housed.

Claim 37 (Original): The kit according to Claim 36, wherein the housing includes at least one compartment configured to receive a single applicator.

Claim 38 (Original): The kit according to Claim 36, wherein the housing includes at least one compartment configured to receive a plurality of applicators.

Claim 39 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, further comprising at least one bag for packaging at least one applicator.

Claim 40 (Original): The kit according to Claim 39, further comprising a string of bags each containing at least one applicator.

Claim 41 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein each applicator includes at least one mark corresponding to at least one type of test substance inside the tube and a concentration of the compound in the test substance.

Claim 42 (Original): The kit according to Claim 41, wherein the mark comprises at least one of an alphanumeric symbol and a color.

Claim 43 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the test substance in the tube has a volume in a range from 0.01 ml to 5 ml.

Claim 44 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the test substance in the tube has a volume in a range from 0.05 ml to 1 ml.

Claim 45 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a breakable portion.

Claim 46 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a removable portion.

Claim 47 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a perforatable portion.

Claim 48 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the inside space is defined at a second end, remote from the first, by a deformable portion.

Claim 49 (Original): The kit according to Claim 45, wherein each applicator includes a retaining element for retaining the breakable portion on the applicator after it has been broken off.

Claim 50 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the tube is provided at one end with an applicator element, the applicator element being separated from the test substance prior to use, by the plug.

Claim 51 (Original): The kit according to Claim 50, wherein the applicator element is selected from the group consisting of a cotton bud, a foam bud, a felt tip, a flocked bud, and a tip made of ceramic or of sintered material.

Claim 52 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the tube is free of an applicator element.

Claim 53 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 52, wherein the tube includes an end configured so as to be able to scarify the skin.



Claim 54 (Original): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the plug comprises a liquid, and wherein said liquid is selected from the group consisting of mineral oils, fluorine-containing substances, and silicones.

Claim 55 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein the plug comprises a powder, and wherein said powder is selected from the group consisting of powders of microspheres of copolymers, of Nylon®, of waxes, of silicas, and of silicones.

Claim 56 (Withdrawn): The kit according to Claim 30, wherein said plug comprises one of a liquid and a powder.

Claims 57-70 (Canceled).

Claim 71 (Currently Amended): A system for evaluating a sensitivity, comprising:  
a packaging; and  
a plurality of tubes provided in said packaging, each tube comprising:  
a first end which is open,  
a second end which is closed in a first position,  
a substance contained in an inside space of the tube in said first position,  
wherein said second end is movable to a second position which is open, said  
substance being in communication with an outside of said container via said first open end in  
said second position, [[and]]  
wherein said second end is attached to said tube in said second position,

~~wherein said tubes comprise different test substances or test substances with at least one compound at different concentrations,~~

wherein the packaging comprises a housing in which the tubes are housed, and

wherein said plurality of tubes comprises a first tube containing a first test substance comprising a compound at a first concentration, a second tube containing a second test substance comprising said compound at a second concentration, and a third tube containing a third test substance comprising said compound at a third concentration, wherein said first concentration is different from said second and third concentrations, and said second concentration is different from said third concentration.

Claim 72 (Canceled).

Claim 73 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein said substance is a stimulating agent.

Claim 74 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein each of said tube further comprises a removable plug provided inside said tube in said first position, said removable plug defining a closed volume between said plug and said second end in said first position.

Claim 75 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein each of said tube further comprises a thermoreversible thickener inside said volume.

Claim 76 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein said packaging comprises a box.

Claim 77 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein said packaging comprises a plurality of bags, each of said tubes being in one of said bags.

Claim 78 (Original): The system of Claim 71, wherein said packaging comprises:  
a stand; and  
a body mounted on said stand.

Claim 79 (Original): The system of Claim 78, wherein each of said tubes has a portion extending outside said body, and wherein said packaging further comprises a closure cap coupled to said body and over said portions.

Claim 80-83 (Canceled).

Claim 84 (New): The kit according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one test substance comprises a stimulating agent for stimulating a peripheral nervous system.

Claim 85 (New): The kit according to Claim 84, wherein the stimulating agent for stimulating the peripheral nervous system is selected from the group consisting of natural or synthetic capsaicinoids, homocapsaicin, homodihydrocapsaicin, nordihydrocapsaicin,

dihydrocapsaicin; lactic acid, glycolic acid, ethanol at a concentration greater than 50% and mustard seed oil.

Claim 86 (New): The kit according to Claim 84, wherein said stimulating agent comprises capsaicin.

Claim 87 (New): The kit according to Claim 84, wherein a concentration of the stimulating agent for stimulating the peripheral nervous system lies in a range from  $10^{-6}\%$  to  $10^{-2}\%$  by weight.